

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

FACT SHEET

**AUTHORIZATION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS GRANT AWARD FOR FY 2003-2004 AND
APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT OF THE SUBJECT GRANT**

(All SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT)

REQUEST:

1) Authorize the acceptance of a U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Justice Programs Grant award of \$145,864 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003-2004 for development of a pilot Mental Health Court Transition Project, 2) Approve the Request of Appropriation Adjustment of \$146,000 to increase Salaries and Employee Benefits and Services and Supplies which is fully funded by the subject Grant and 3) Approve authority to hire, on existing ordinance authority, one full-time Psychiatric Social Worker II and one half-time Intermediate Typist Clerk to implement the grant-funded Project.

CONTRACTOR:

This does not apply. This pilot Project is an interagency cooperation between the County's Mental Health Court and the Department of Mental Health (DMH).

INTENT:

The Board actions will enable DMH to receive the DOJ Grant and hire the staff to implement the pilot Mental Health Court Transition Project.

JUSTIFICATION:

This Grant will fund a pilot Project which aims to improve both judicial and mental health case management and continuity of care. The Project will promote collaboration between DMH and the Criminal Courts, Public Defender, District Attorney and Sheriff's Department and the community-based mental Health service providers to streamline and improve services to the incarcerated mental health defendants.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

This does not apply.